SOME BEALL FAMILY HISTORY

By Roger B. White

Andrew and Elizabeth Beall - Your Great, Great, Great Grandparents

Andrew Jackson Beall (born March 6, 1825, died March 12, 1898) and Elizabeth Blair (born August 3, 1823, died January 29, 1903) were the first Bealls and among the first settlers in southern Marion (now Pearl River) County. Andrew is listed in census records as having been born in Alabama. In 1850 they lived in Winston County, Mississippi, where they were recorded in the federal census on September 30, 1850. Augustus, age 5, and George, age 3, were born in Mississippi, so Andrew and Elizabeth were in the state by 1845.

The Bealls settled on Alligator Creek near Wolf Creek, according to Bobbie Beall Lumpkin, and were herders, hunters, and farmers. They probably raised cattle, hogs, and sheep and used the coarse, three-foot sawgrass along the creek bottom for grazing. They cleared the huge yellow pine trees

for fields of cotton and other crops such as sweet potatoes, squashes, melons, figs, plums and peaches. They worked hard, and a wagon trip to Pass Christian or Wool Market to sell their goods and buy tobacco, flour and linens was a great occasion.

When the Bealls settled, south Mississippi was a hard and isolated land. Once part of West Florida, it originally was inhabited by Choctaw Indians. Deer, bears, turkeys and bright wildflowers were everywhere. The soil was not very fertile, and the thick growth of pine trees gave it a high acid content. The nearest inland settlement was Ford's, near Columbia. Dirt roads ran between Ford's and the Gulf Coast, and settlers also travelled on creeks and the Pearl River. Some of the yellow pine was cut and floated down the creeks and rivers. The settlers were poor compared to those in central and northern Mississippi, and almost none had slaves. They built houses out of yellow pine logs, peeled and used whole, split or square-hewn.

Bobbie was only two when Andrew died, but she remembered her grandmother Beall as a sweet person and a good housekeeper. Elizabeth Beall also had a sharp Scotch-Irish temper. Fussing at Bobbie and the other grandchildren, she would say, "Fi! Fi! I don't want that sand in my house!" Bobbie was almost seven when Elizabeth died.

Andrew and Elizabeth later lived near the present Old Beall Cemetery and Tom Beall house. This was their second home in the Wolf Creek area. In June 1880 they still farmed and cared for only one son, Thomas, who would marry within a year. Their neighbors included many farmers, a doctor, and several black families. Their oldest son Gus and his family lived about thirty houses away.

By 1900 Andrew had died, and Elizabeth now lived with Gus Beall. Since she is listed as a "visitor," she may have lived with George, Tom or Joe at other times between Andrew's death in 1898 and her own death in 1903.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ANDREW AND ELIZABETH BEALL, READ L. M. DAVIS' BOOK, THE GUMPOND COMMUNITY, PUBLISHED IN 1973.

Children of Andrew and Elizabeth Beall

Augustus Marion	born February 14, 1845 died September 8, 1919
George Franklin Marion - Your Great, Great Grandfather	born April 25, 1847 died June 14, 1923
Thomas Andrew	born August 18, 1856 died September 22, 1922
Joseph Edgar	born March 1, 1868 died October 7, 1947
Elinor Arsinar	born July 18, 1851 died July 11, 1922
Kate	
Alice	
Rose	

Andrew and Elizabeth had eight children, and all lived to maturity.

Augustus M. Beall (1845-1919)

Gus married Harriet Brill, and in June 1880 they farmed and cared for a 15-year-old girl named Alia (?), Gus' brother Joe, and children John, Elizabeth, Laurie, A. M. and Bradley. In June 1900 they still farmed and cared for children Laurie, Bradley (a day laborer), Ella (in school), Lula (in school), Etta, Gus' mother Elizabeth (Blair) Beall, and Harriet's nephew John Brill. Gus and Harriet had had ten children, and three had died by 1900.

George F. M. Beall (1847-1923)

George Beall, Andrew's second son, was a blacksmith and a farmer. He married Frances Daughdrill (born 1848) on November 25, 1869. In June 1880 they lived between Wolf Creek and Red Creek, probably in the log house still standing near the Beall Cemetery. This house probably was built in the 1870s while George and Frances were raising the family. It originally sat where the newer farmhouse is today, and it faced south. On the farm they raised cotton, sheep, hogs, cattle and children (eight by 1880 and five more after.) Later George built a blacksmith shop beyond the field nearest the house.

After Frances died in 1889, the older daughters probably cared for the family. On January 13, 1898 George married Adeline Reck (born 1856) and in July 1900 they still cared for five of George's children: Cora, Dean, Lillie, Proctor and Welton. They separated sometime after 1900, and by April 1910 Adeline had moved to Laurel where she worked as a housekeeper. All the children married or moved out on their own. By April 1910 George lived alone and is listed as a laborer and a blacksmith. At one time he lived in a shack next to his blacksmith shop, and at another time in a shack near Tom's house. He also lived at Hillsdale for a while. In January 1920 he is listed as living alone and blacksmithing. George lived in or near Tom's house when he died. For many years, George's daughter Lillie and her husband Ed Scott lived in George's old log house and raised their family.

Bobbie remembered George as neat, strong and systematic, a wonderful blacksmith and able to make anything. His talents were in demand when the railroads came to the piney woods and the great yellow pine sawmills were built. He sharpened the loggers' cross-cut saws, built a machine shop for the mill at Hillsdale, and served as maintenance man for the machine shop. The shop kept all the sawmill machinery in repair. Most of these activities probably took place around 1910. George also could repair automobiles and once built one from parts.

Gene Baker remembers that after a terrible storm around 1920, George was riding a mule on present highway 11 just south of Lumberton. The mule stepped on a live electric power wire that had been downed. George was thrown in the air, and the mule took off like lightning. "Well, that mule will be home in three minutes," George was heard to say.

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I HOPE YOU HAVE AS MUCH FUN READING THESE FACTS AS I HAD DIGGING THEM OUT. IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION TO ADD ABOUT THE BEALLS, PLEASE WRITE TO ME AT THE ADDRESS ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THIS ARTICLE.

OUR ANCESTORS WERE NOT RICH OR FAMOUS, BUT THEY DID A LOT OF INTERESTING THINGS. THEIR LIVES WERE DIFFERENT FROM OURS, AND BY LOOKING AT THEM WE SEE MANY OF THE CHANGES THAT HAVE SWEPT OVER MISSISSIPPI.

Children of George and Frances Beall

Valena	Mother of Heber Ladner	born September 23, 1870 died June 10, 1946
Wilburn		born December 19, 1871 died October 13, 1934
Genevra	- Died at age 14	born February 9, 1873 died May 31, 1888
Ruthia		born August 25, 1874 died July 10, 1941
G. Franklin	- Killed in a train accident	born February 4, 1876 died October 24, 1904
Eddie Anley	- Your Great Grandfather	born January 27, 1878 died August 29, 1951
Andy	- Died at 9 yrs old	born January 27, 1878 died July 22, 1887
Cora		born July 16, 1879 died February 5, 1945
Dean		born February 5, 1881 died September 16, 1935
Pursey	- Died at 4 yrs old	born May 6, 1882 died September 8, 1886
Lillie		born July 2, 1884 died December 23, 1939
Proctor		born April 19, 1886 died
Welton		born October 5, 1887 died December 21, 1964

TWINS

George and Frances had thirteen children, and four died young.

Thomas A. Beall (1856-1922)

Tom married Marinda Jane Ladner, and in June 1900 they farmed and cared for children Lucretia (a school teacher), Marion (a day laborer), Preston (in school), Cleta (in school), and Orleta (Bobbie, age 4). In April 1910 they still farmed and cared for daughters Cleta and Orleta (Bobbie).

Joseph E. Beall (1868-1947)

Joe married Frances Lancaster, and in June 1900 they farmed and cared for daughter Bessie, who was in school. In April 1910 Joe and Frances lived in a rented house in Lumberton near Main Ave. and Fifth St. and cared for daughters Bessie and Lessie. Joe was a blacksmith in a machine shop, probably at one of the two large yellow pine sawmills in Lumberton. Bessie was an office girl in a doctor's office. Lessie was in schoo Joe and Frances had had two other children who were not living. At some point in his life, Joe was a logger in the pine woods. In the 1940s he sold milk in and around Lumberton.

George Beall's sons

In June 1900 Frank Beall was a day laborer and boarded with Calvin and Margaret Strahan, who had a farm next to Calvin and Siner (Arsiner Beall) Batson. The Strahans lived near Hillsdale, only two houses from Ran Batson, a big land and timber owner. Four years later, Frank lost his life on one of the logging railroads near Pistol Ridge in an accident (d. October 24, 1904.) His head was crushed between two yellow pine logs as the log cars were being coupled.

In April 1910 Proctor Beall was a "servant" or hired hand on the farm of Rutillus and Mary Ladner. He lived with the Ladner family.

Ed Beall (1878-1951) worked on his father's farm, then married Elizabeth Jane Redmond on March 4, 1897. They lived in several places, including a house on the homestead of Web and Lena Ladner (Webster Ladner and Valena Beall Ladner.) Ed worked George's cotton gin at this time. Between 1900 and 1902 Ed built a new homestead off the Gumpond Road where he and Jane farmed and raised eight children. When the Edward Hines Company built a railroad and a lumber camp at Gumpond in 1917, Ed and a brother helped grade the right of way for the railroad, and Ed cut crossties for another railroad at Hillsdale. Ed also built and ran a general store in one corner of his field.

Ed and Jane were divorced on February 13, 1923. Ed later married Sally Seal, who died within a few years. Then he married Dona Ladner, and in the 1930s they lived at Hillsdale. Ed rode fences for Ran (Randolph) Batson to keep deer and other animals in and to keep hunters off Batson's land. Batson was also a pioneer of "reforestation" or growing a second growth of pine trees. In the 1930s and 1940s, Ed also drilled wells, preached to people who would gather at a stump, and sold watermelons and other produce. After Dona died he married Annie Walters Davis, who was still his wife when he died.

I have not been able to find any of George's other sons in the census records.

The Daughdrill and Davis families

Frances Daughdrill (born about March 3, 1848, died February 14, 1889) was George Beall's first wife and bore all his children. She appears in the censuses of August 1850 and August 1860 in Marion County, Mississippi with her father Zachariah and mother Caroline. The Daughdrills were farmers, and Frances' brothers and sister were Henry, Felix and Elvira.

According to census records and Vivian Davis Bornemann's The Batson Family (1959), Zachariah Daughdrill was born on August 8, 1818 in Mississippi, and Caroline Davis was born on June 4, 1820, also in Mississippi. They were married on May 18, 1835.

Zachariah was the son of John Daughdrill, who came from South Carolina and served in the War of 1812. Zachariah's mother was Winnie Harrell, born 1790 in South Carolina.

Caroline was the daughter of James Davis, Jr. and Elizabeth Daughdrill (born 1786 in Bertie County, North Carolina.) This couple moved from South Carolina to Alabama, and James served in the War of 1812. They finally settled at the confluence of Black Creek and Beaver Dam Creek at a place called Enon or Black Creek, Mississippi.

Both Zachariah and Caroline Daughdrill, Frances' parents and George Beall's in-laws, are buried in a very old Daughdrill cemetery east of Perkinston.

I took the picture and a copy of this and mailed it to the Lumberton Booster newspaper. I hope they use it.

Roots

by Estelle Beall White

In the picture above, Andrew Levy Beall stands beside the grave headstone of his Great, Great, Great Grandfather and namesake, Andrew Jackson Beall.

Standing beside Andrew Levy is his father, Lonnie and his Grandfather, Levy E.Beall. This is in the Gus Beall cemetary on Beall Road. A few miles back up the road in the George Beall cemetary is the grave of Andrew Levy's Great Grandfather, Ed A.Beall, and his Great Great Grandfather, George Beall,who was the son of Andrew Jackson Beall.

Visiting the two cemetaries recently it struck me as being unusual to find six generations represented in a line of direct male decendents of Andrew Jackson Beall. Born in Alabama in 1825, he came to Marion Co., now Pearl River Co., in 1845 and homesteaded the virgin land near Gumpond. He and his wife Elizabeth had eight children, four girls and four boys. The sons were Agustus Gus), George Franklin Marion, Thomas Andrew (Tom), father of Bobby Beall Lumpkin, and Joseph Edgar (Joe). The girls were Arsiner, Kate, Alice and Rose.

Andrew was also a Confederate veteran. He died in 1898 at the age of 73

Incidentally, also burried in the George Beall cemetary is Heber Ladner and his son. Heber's mother,Valena and my father, Ed, were brother and sister, children of George..

It was said of Hollywood in the '30's that any man who could trace his lineage back to his father was an aristocrat. Today it could be said of nearly half the population, with divorce and unwed motherhood so prevelent.That's why it gives us a little feeling of permance to be able to go back to our own roots. There are many of these "grave yards" around Lumberton where other families would be able to do this. Many of these are neglected - they need to be visited.